

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action in the present application.

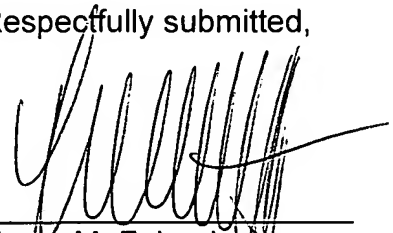
Claims 1 through 13 are part of the original International PCT application PCT/DE2003/004208 and have been determined by the International Bureau as having novelty and inventiveness. Applicant has amended claims 1 to 13 to remove any multiple dependency of the claims and to eliminate any informalities to present the claims in proper form and language. Applicant asserts that these amendments are cosmetic in nature and that no claims have been narrowed to trigger prosecution history estoppel. Claims 14 to 21 have been added to set forth subject matter deleted from original claims and/or to encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention. A check in the amount of \$250.00 to cover the surcharge for presenting one claim in excess of twenty and one independent claim in excess of three is enclosed.

In addition, applicant has amended the specification to provide the specification with proper headings.

When the Examiner takes this application up for action, s/he is requested to take the foregoing into account.

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